

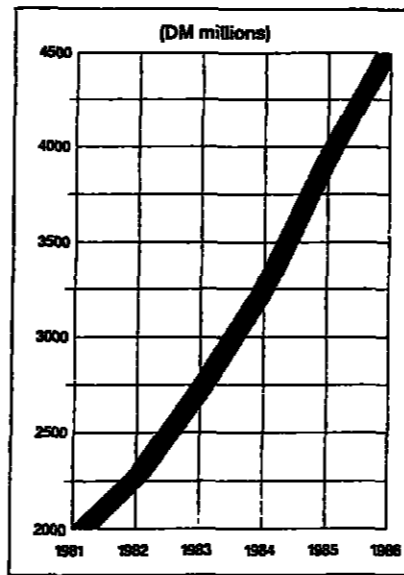
Information for the Shareholders
of Nixdorf Computer AG

Nixdorf Creates Capital For The Future

Capital Growth Resources

Nixdorf attained its growth target in 1986 by lifting revenue 15 per cent to DM 4.51 billion. But for adverse currency movements affecting the conversion of foreign sales into D-Marks, revenue would have increased by 21 per cent. So for yet another year, Nixdorf again outpaced the industry average.

Our objective in 1987 is to stay firmly on the growth path. With orders on hand totalling more than DM 4.43 billion, we're off to a very good start. As the year began, orders on hand were up by 13 per cent on the level a year ago. This figure was also affected by adverse currency movements. In preparation for ongoing expansion, we again kept



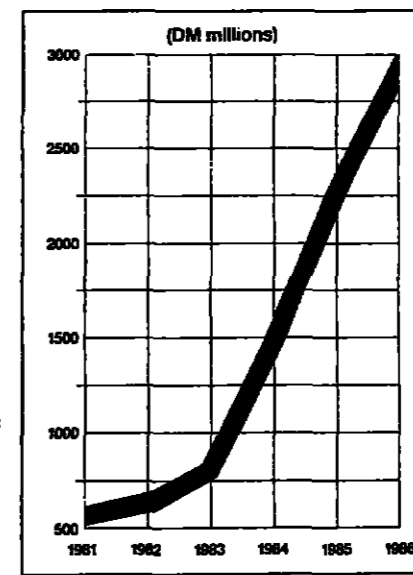
capital expenditure high in 1986: Besides recruiting and training an additional 2,300 personnel, we invested DM 600 million in fixed assets, and DM 420 million in research and development.

Capital Financial Resources

Pursuing growth on a firm financial base has always been a Nixdorf principle: Our equity ratio of more than 80 per cent says everything. Our financial resources allow us to continue business expansion while retaining our independence.

That's one advantage. Another is for you the customer to ponder: after all, this exceptional financial base is also an assurance that Nixdorf is a dependable, long-term partner who will stay with you into the future. We nurture this partnership by sustained and substantial capital investment in fixed assets, research and development, and ongoing training of our people.

We intend to seize every opportunity for expansion in

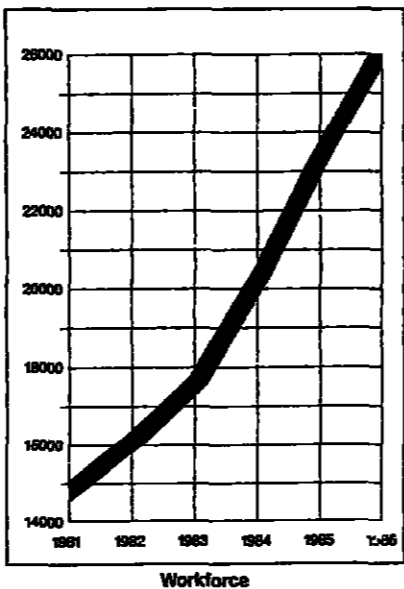


our established markets, while opening up additional revenue sources in new growth markets: With innovative applications like CAD/CAM solutions and telecom products.

Capital Competitive Resources

People are our most important asset. Our competitiveness depends essentially on their skill and commitment. This explains why we invest so heavily in personnel training. We have to: 7 out of 10 of our workforce of 25,600 people are employed on customer support activities, where their qualifications make all the difference. We're also deeply committed to vocational training for newcomers to the industry: in 1986, the number of Nixdorf trainees rose by 23 per cent to 1,800.

This year, we plan to take on another 2,000 personnel, chiefly to consolidate Nixdorf's traditional strengths in customer service and software development. If there's one single attribute that gives us the edge over the competition, it's our dedication to meeting customer requirements. It's this that guarantees Nixdorf users a lasting and successful partnership.



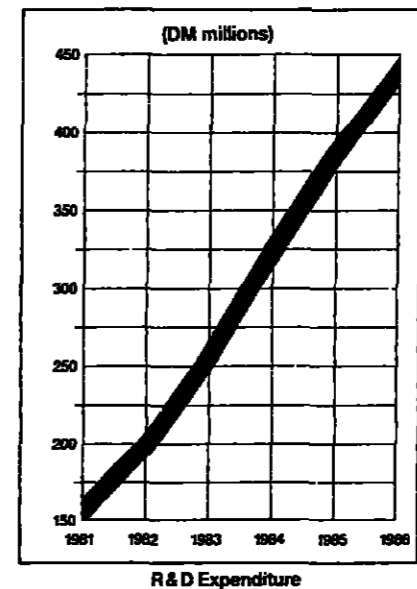
Another of our competitive strengths is our in-depth knowledge of vertical industries. As a 'general contractor' for information technology solutions, this industry expertise gives us the ability to understand every customer's business and offer each a system suited to their needs. Our aim is to become Europe's Number One system supplier providing users with total solutions, complete with hardware, software and comprehensive services.

Capital Innovative Resources

Converting new technologies into innovative solutions is a Nixdorf tradition. And this is based on a long-standing company commitment: to provide the end-user with all the benefits of computer power.

Nixdorf takes "raw material" chips, for example, and customises them creatively to provide end-users with information technology in the form of future-oriented systems. These systems extend the power of the computer to include word processing, graphics and voice communications; they encompass multifunctional terminals and database applications for integrated information processing in the office or factory.

With its innovative resources, Nixdorf is furthering the convergence of computer and communications technology, and accelerating



the emergence of new and better telecom services: With products like ISDN-capable PABXs, digital telephone systems, videotex terminals and broadband switching systems for the German PTT.

Our R & D expenditure in 1986 amounted to more than 9 per cent of revenue.

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Southern Units Quit The Contra Alliance

By Richard Boudreaux and Doyle McManns
Los Angeles Times Service
SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — Commanders of Nicaraguan rebel groups operating in southern Nicaragua have announced their withdrawal from the United Nicaraguan Opposition, the U.S.-sponsored alliance of rebel groups, citing dissatisfaction with the way the coalition has been run.

Accused Spy Released by Nicaragua

The Associated Press
MANAGUA — Sam Hall, a self-styled American soldier of fortune accused of spying in Nicaragua, was freed from custody Wednesday and allowed to leave the country for the United States.

Mr. Hall, who was arrested Dec. 12, was brought to Sandino International Airport in Managua and turned over to the U.S. vice consul, Luis Moreno. The two men embraced and Mr. Hall boarded a plane accompanied by Gary Froelich of Dayton, Ohio, a family lawyer who arrived in Managua on Monday.

Illegal Vietnamese Exits Outnumber Legal Ones

Agence France-Press
HANOI — For the first time since 1983, more Vietnamese left the country last year as "boat people" than under the United Nations' orderly departure program, UN statistics issued here show.



President Ronald Reagan greeting the speaker of the House, Representative Jim Wright of Texas, before the State of the Union address. At left is Vice President George Bush.

Reaction to Reagan: Sharply Partisan Democrat Feels 'Lack of Respect,' but Republicans Cheer

By Linda Greenhouse
New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — President Ronald Reagan's State of the Union address has provoked a congressional response that was more sharply partisan than veteran members of either party can remember.

"It was the most polarized Congress I've watched listening to a presidential speech in 27 years in Congress," said Senator Robert T. Stafford, Republican of Vermont, as he emerged Tuesday night from the chamber of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Cruz, a moderate who served in the Sandinista government immediately after the 1979 revolution in Nicaragua, is highly respected in the U.S. Congress and elsewhere outside Nicaragua.

Tass Criticizes Reagan's Speech

MOSCOW — The official Soviet press agency Tass accused President Ronald Reagan on Wednesday of delivering a "torrent of anti-Soviet attacks" in his State of the Union address to Congress.

Pretoria Ends Ban on Film

JOHANNESBURG — South Africa has lifted a 38-year ban on a film commissioned by Joseph Goebbels, the Nazi propaganda chief, allowing the anti-British movie to be screened nationwide, its distributor said Wednesday.

Cleric Jailed In Venda Cites Threat

By Denis Herbst
Special to the Herald Tribune
LONDON — A black Lutheran leader detained without charge in a South African homeland since Nov. 22 has expressed fears to his wife that his life is in danger.

Mongolia Claimed by Taiwan

TAIPEI — Taiwan issued a statement claiming sovereignty over Mongolia on Wednesday, a day after Mongolia and the United States established diplomatic ties.

U.S. Dispute Over Thule Radar Stirs Copenhagen

By Michael R. Gordon
New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — A dispute among U.S. arms-control experts over a new early warning radar in Greenland, which is Danish territory, has spilled over into Denmark.

Record Cold, Snow Bring Washington to Standstill

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Record cold numbed the U.S. capital Wednesday, and government workers were given the option of staying home in the aftermath of back-to-back winter storms.

Iranian Shows Bible Reagan Allegedly Sent

The Associated Press
TEHRAN — Hashemi Rafsanjani, the speaker of Iran's parliament, flourished on Wednesday the Bible he said was sent to Iran by President Ronald Reagan.

5 Arab Countries Make Effort at Reconciliation

Reuters
KUWAIT — The leaders of five Arab countries from both moderate and radical camps met Wednesday to try to overcome differences as a spirit of reconciliation prevailed at the Islamic summit meeting here.

Iraqi Planes Attack 7 Cities in Iran

Iran resumed artillery bombardment of Iraqi border towns, from Basra in the south to Sulaymaniyah in the north, after a 24-hour lull in Iraqi air raids. The Iranians claimed they had killed or wounded another 1,500 Iraqi soldiers in fighting near Basra.

Israeli Held as Spy Still Refuses Food

New York Times Service
JERUSALEM — The jailed nuclear technician accused of passing Israeli atomic secrets to a London newspaper has refused to end a hunger strike, a friend said.

Death Notice

Hugh M. NEWNHAM, former Paris-based overseas manager of the New York Herald Tribune Syndicate 1953-63, died at 72, Jan. 26, at his home in Sussex, England.

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New Inquiry Planned for Palme Case

STOCKHOLM — The Swedish government, faced with a growing dispute between the police and prosecutors seeking the killer of Prime Minister Olof Palme, yielded Wednesday to opposition pressure and announced a parliamentary inquiry into the case.

"We have agreed that a parliamentary inquiry should look into the circumstances of the investigation," Mr. Palme's successor, Ingvar Carlsson, said after meeting with the leaders of the opposition.

Earlier this week, all three leaders in the center-right opposition coalition called on Mr. Carlsson to set up a political inquiry after an argument broke out between Stockholm's police chief, Hans Holmer, and prosecutors assigned to the case.

Mr. Carlsson declined to comment on radio reports that a plan had been discussed by the party leaders to remove Mr. Holmer and the chief prosecutor, Claes Zeime, from the inquiry. Mr. Zeime is on leave because of illness.

Political sources said the new inquiry was a final attempt by Mr. Carlsson to stop the feud.

They said the inquiry would be aimed at trying to restore the image of the country's police force, which has suffered badly from the public quarreling and the failure to find



Lisbeth Palme, the widow of Olof Palme, presenting a book on her husband to India's foreign minister, Narain Dutt D. Tiwari, after a ceremony in New Delhi in which a road was named after Mr. Palme, murdered 11 months ago.

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The bickering intensified after the police descended on Sweden's Kurdish community and detained 20 persons suspected of having links with the extremist Kurdish Workers Party.

Mr. Holmer, who has consistently

claimed the involvement of the Kurdish group in Mr. Palme's murder, said that three of the detainees were suspected of being accomplices in the killing.

Hours later, Mr. Zeime announced the release of the detainees and said the Kurdish trail had gone cold.

In Indonesia, Questions on Length of Suharto's Rule

By Barbara Crosscote
New York Times Service

JAKARTA — When President Suharto announced last fall that he would seek a fifth term in office in 1988, he focused attention on a question that cannot be publicly debated in Indonesia: How long can — or should — he stay in power?

"This president could have gone down in our history as a demigod," said Shamet Bratanata, a former government minister, reflecting the opinion of those who think it is time for a change. "Instead we have the tragedy of a man becoming a hostage to power."

The head of Mr. Suharto's political party says there will be no discussion of succession until "after 1992," a year before the end of his fifth term.

By then, Mr. Suharto, whose power base rests on traditional Indonesian deference to kingship, a sophisticated political machine and the armed forces, would have been president for more than a quarter of a century.

Mr. Suharto, 65, has reshaped Indonesia, a once-volatile nation, into a country closer to his own image: withdrawn and conservative.



Suharto

ditional, and strongly and instinctively anti-Communist. He reads little.

But comparisons with other leaders have little meaning because Mr. Suharto's character is deeply rooted in the singular, mystical society of the island of Java, his birthplace.

"The president had only a few years of school," Mr. Bratanata said. "If you bring him parables from the wayang, he can understand you," he added, referring to Javanese puppet theater.

"It's not that we don't have enough parables and legends," he said. "It's just that they are getting out of date."

Mr. Bratanata is a member of the Petition of 50 group, named for a proposal in 1980 by a dissident organization of military officers, former civil servants and Islamic leaders. They asked for more democracy and alleged that Mr. Suharto was using the military for political purposes.

Mr. Bratanata is among those who believe that Indonesia must begin putting a new generation of leaders into place now if the country is to continue to develop. They question whether Mr. Suharto, whom Mr. Bratanata described as "a simple man," can complete the task.

A political scientist said of Mr. Suharto, "The president is very much the product of an old Javanese way of life." He was born into poverty and raised a neglected child in a large family. As president, he remains most sympathetic to the demands of his children and the needs of the rural poor.

"He is not like other Indonesian leaders who prepared themselves for world exposure," said the political scientist, who was once a student dissident. "He was not like Sukarno, who always knew that one day he would be leader of the country."

The example of former President Sukarno apparently had a strong negative effect on Mr. Suharto, in-

al unity, now ask why, when the dangers of unrest seem to have receded, the limits of expression stay in place.

General-circulation newspapers are censored, often by their editors, to avoid being closed.

Some military officers are reported to be concerned about patronage as the president's family and friends build up lucrative monopolies in many areas of the economy. The activities of Mr. Suharto's three sons and one of his three daughters are now "beyond control," a businessman said.

Because Mr. Suharto has brought stability to Indonesia, he is backed by the United States, and this is beginning to alienate Indonesians, some say.

"Indonesians are basically anti-Communist," said Adi Sasono, an Islamic scholar. "But anti-Communism and pro-Americanism are two different things."

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Afghan Rebels Say War Continues Despite Truce

By Steven R. Weisman
New York Times Service

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — Almost two weeks after the Afghan government declared a cease-fire, guerrilla leaders say that fighting persists throughout Afghanistan and that there has been no trace of a return by refugees.

Spokesmen for the insurgents and American and Pakistani officials said there also was no sign of any willingness by guerrilla leaders to share power with the Communists, as proposed early this month by the Soviet-backed Kabul government.

In Peshawar, a frontier city, and all along the Afghan border, guerrilla leaders have been touring refugee camps, making speeches and handing out leaflets to persuade Afghans not to take seriously the Jan. 15 Kabul cease-fire.

"We've been working day and night to tell them this is a trick," said Qaribur Rahman Saeed, chief spokesman for Hezb-e-Islami, the largest guerrilla group. "Some of the refugees might have been hopeful at first that they could go back, but they now realize, and they are not going."

Nonetheless, American and Pakistani officials were said to be carefully watching events in Afghanistan after the Kabul initiatives, especially the declaration by the Communist leader, Major General Najibullah, favoring a political "reconciliation" in Afghanistan that would permit the withdrawal of about 120,000 Soviet troops.

"We have all agreed to probe Soviet intentions with prudence and patience," said Deane R. Hinton, the United States ambassador to Pakistan. He and other officials added that the United States and

Pakistan still would insist that Moscow first agree to withdraw its troops within a few months.

In addition to the call for a cease-fire, Kabul invited the leaders of "armed groups" to take part in running the country.

In speeches on Kabul radio, General Najibullah pledged to grant amnesty to guerrilla leaders, preserve Islam as the national religion and set up a series of "reconciliation commissions" throughout the country with non-Communists in leadership roles.

But a few days after the cease-fire began, the seven major Afghan guerrilla groups held an unusual joint rally in Peshawar and rejected all the Soviet-Afghan proposals.

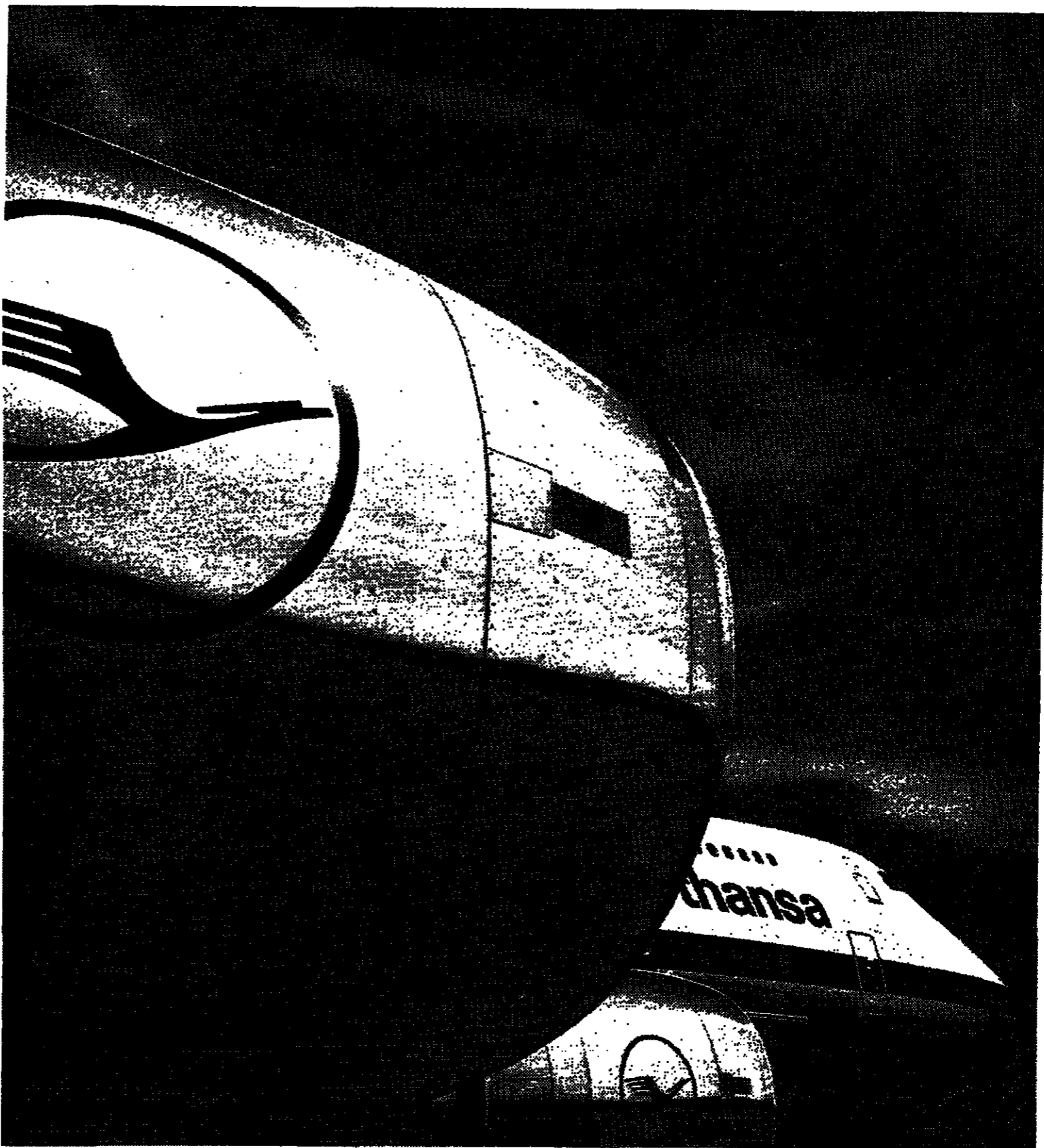
So far, the hard line against the Najibullah initiatives appears to command virtually total support among rival guerrilla groups, whose mutual animosity in the past sometimes has led to fighting between them inside Afghanistan.

Insurgency leaders said that the fight against the Russians has continued throughout the country, with guerrillas attacking Soviet installations and convoys and Soviet soldiers responding with artillery, shelling and aerial bombardment.

"The cease-fire has never been in effect," said Syed Bahauddin Majrooh, director of the Afghan Information Center. He said that rebel attacks and Soviet retaliations had increased since Jan. 15 in Paktia Province and near the cities of Jalalabad, Kandahar and Herat, and in the southern outskirts of Kabul.

Other spokesmen said the insurgents had shot down at least one jet plane and destroyed tanks, and that while the Russians had retaliated they had mounted no major offensives.

Every status has its symbol.



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Lagos Tells Embassies to Move by '89

Reuters

LAGOS — Nigeria has surprised diplomats in Lagos by asking them to move their embassies by 1989 to Abuja, the planned new capital, which is still in an early stage of construction, diplomats said.

In a brief note sent to embassies last week, the Foreign Ministry said the federal government would be moved to Abuja by 1989 and expected the foreign missions to be there by the same date. Abuja is about 500 miles (800 kilometers) northeast of Lagos.

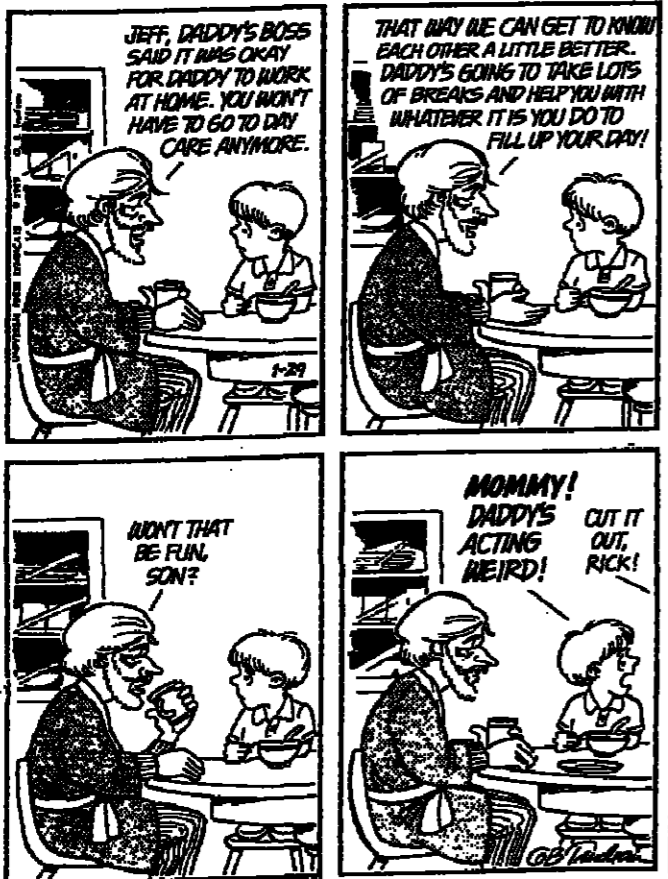
The announcement appeared to

take the large diplomatic community in Lagos by surprise, as the deadline was far shorter than their previous estimates.

The multibillion-dollar Abuja project was begun in 1976 but the sharp decline in Nigeria's oil income and four changes of government have caused constant delays.

Lagos is close to the heartland of the Yoruba people, one of Nigeria's three dominant ethnic groups. Advocates of the project have contended that Abuja, which was historically inhabited by a tiny minority group, would be free of any tribal association.

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JEFF, DADDY'S BOSS SAID IT WAS OKAY FOR DADDY TO WORK FOR DADDY. YOU HAVEN'T HAD TO GO TO DAY CARE ANYMORE.

THAT WHY WE CAN GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER A LITTLE BETTER. DADDY'S GOING TO TAKE LOTS OF BREAKS AND HELP YOU WITH WHATEVER IT IS YOU DO TO FILL UP YOUR DAY!

WOULD THAT BE FUN, SON?

MOMMY! DADDY'S ACTING WEIRD! CUT IT OUT, RICK!

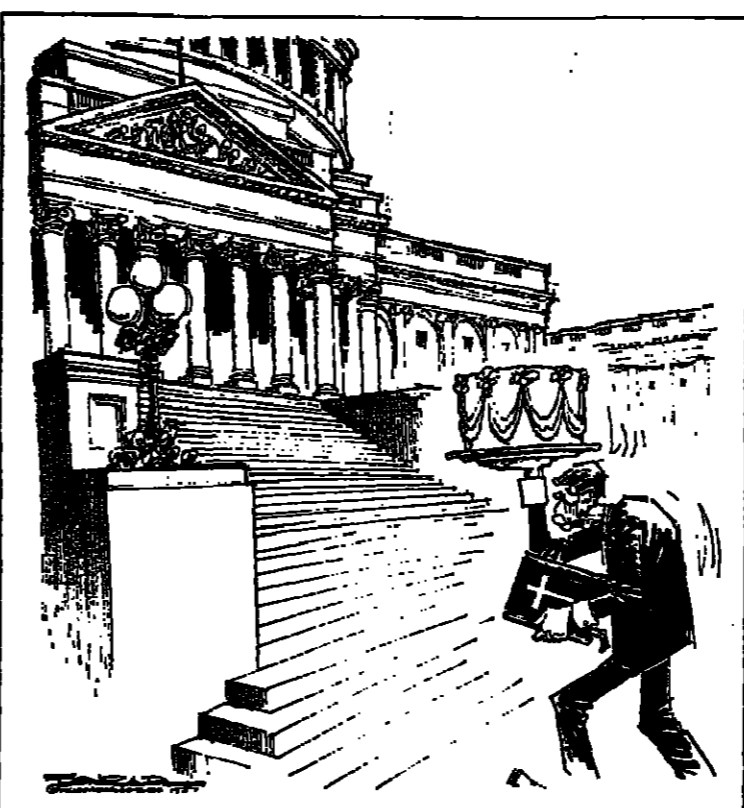
OPINION

Coming Soon: The Next Hijacking Show

SAINT PETERSBURG, Florida — Next week an airplane will be hijacked and the passengers, many of them American, will be taken hostage. If not next week, then the week after or next month or the month after that. But it will happen, for two reasons. Terrorism, old in warfare, has been developed by nationalist and carefully nurtured religious fanaticism to the point where it is a weapon not simply of local resistance but of world importance. The terrorists have discovered that it is far more effective to select victims from the nationals of foreign powers rather than concentrate merely on their specific enemies. Nothing gets them more attention and blackmail power than the horror of an airplane hijacking, not even the kidnappings taking place now in Beirut. And most of the victim nations have shown that they crack when hostages are taken. The United States cracked to Soviet hostage-taking by sending a Soviet spy for an American newspaperman. It delivered blackmail arms to Iran, sponsors of the killers of American marines. Pakistan has yet to put hijackers captured five months ago on trial or even tell the world who they are. Israel cracked by turning over 1,150 prisoners for three Israelis. Italy let a hunted terrorist escape. The French dealt almost openly in trading with terrorists for their hostages. Anybody who says this contemptuously is a fool. We all know that were one of our family taken hostage, we would want only one thing of our government — rescue. But the surrenders do lead, bit by bit, to more hostage taking and more pain for more families. Once again the frightened faces of the victims will appear on television screens the world over. Once again the captors will orchestrate their own performance on the television stage, screaming and waving automatic rifles one day, presenting their demands and their grievances as winningly as they can the next. Once more, disgusted viewers and harassed governments will say that the press, particularly television, is terrorism's tool and is endangering the lives of the hostages. Louder than ever will come demands for some form of regulation — outright censorship, barring reporters and cameras from the scene, or sweeping press self-restriction. Television producers and correspondents and newspaper people talked it all over at a meeting here organized by the Poynter Institute for Media Studies, which owns The St. Petersburg Times, one of America's good newspapers.

By A.M. Rosenthal

The question on our minds was whether the long, wearing hijacking coverage in Beirut in 1985 had endangered the lives of the hostages or made freeing the captives more difficult. To his own professional credit, Parker Borg, a State Department anti-terrorism expert at the time, said that the answer was no. But during next week's or next month's hostage taking, the debate will start all over again. Television does not enjoy all the First Amendment protections — I believe it should — and the pressure will be heavy. There are things that can be done that would not damage the right of television to present the news fully and would help prevent it from becoming the most important hostage of all. Occasionally the gunmen get control of television by being broadcast live, spouting whatever they wish to shout. This is exactly as if gunmen marched into a newspaper office and dictated to reporters and editors every word that was to appear in print. Pausing to see and edit tapes in advance is no more an act of censorship than a newspaper editor looking at a story before it is printed and using something called judgment. Terrorists feed hungrily on chaos and press-television mob scenes create the hysteria they seek. Television could help by using correspondents but just one or two camera crews, sharing film but not the reporting or commentary. Almost all American television anchormen and producers are skilled, experienced and serious and could hold down top jobs on newspapers; greater praise than no editor. But sometimes the job of interviewing captives is turned over to television personalities who are simply entertainers and treat the captors as a sensation: "Do you have a message for President Reagan?" These steps would counter some of the intricately planned manipulation by the terrorists. But television and press bashing will continue. It won't kill us. Neither will it change the fact that the agonizingly drawn-out pain of captives and families has come not from television cameras and anchormen or newspaper reporters but from the faltering will of governments and the men who see waving their rifles and sneering at the world, next week or next month. The New York Times.



The Great Picture on Page 4 Knocks Phones Off the Hook

By Joseph Laitin

WASHINGTON — Good journalism is a mirror of life around us. The question is often a matter of taste, sometimes of ethics, always of truth. How far an editor should go to protect the reader has been an ongoing in-house debate since the birth of the free press. I am not sure there is an answer, except to treat each incident separately. The incident now at hand is a photo of the Pennsylvania state treasurer, R.

MEANWHILE

Budd Dwyer, who executed himself on camera during a press conference. The photo, taken at the split second of bullet impact, appeared in The Washington Post on Friday. The newsroom phones went off the hook. (A different picture, showing Mr. Dwyer with the tip of the barrel in his mouth before he pulled the pistol's trigger, appeared on Page 2 of Friday's International Herald Tribune.) Mind you, there was not one single protest against the use of a photo the same day on the front page showing the tragic aftermath of the Philippine farmers' demonstration near the presidential palace in Manila, where they were fired on by troops. The New York Times, which elected not to publish the offending suicide picture, also used that photo of the Manila massacre on page one. There is a long history of editorial decision, or indecision, on when to print details or photos of news events that might turn the stomach of readers. The two most often used arguments against publishing unpleasant details are that readers want to enjoy their breakfast and that children should not be exposed to sordid tragedy. The latter argument does have validity, but when you consider the violence tolerated every day on television you wonder about the agenda of those who present this argument. Looking back over the years, I recall the photo that made Robert Capa famous: a loyalist rifleman in the Spanish civil war catching a fatal bullet in midair as he was leaping for cover. Editors said "Great picture" and printed it. During the Budapest uprising there was a memorable picture of an imprisoned sidewalk execution of some dreaded secret policemen, their eyes in wide-open surprise and hair straight up as if they had just received a thousand-dollar charge. It was widely printed and hailed as great photo journalism. It can be argued that those pictures were taken during war or revolution or uprising, which makes a difference. What appeared on page four of The Post was a suicide. That is true, and there most certainly is a difference. But I would suggest that the real reason why the other photos were viewed as great photo journalism, and not as horror pictures used for exploitive purposes, is that they came from distant places that, as everybody knows, are inhabited by foreigners. This was home, which calls for a different measuring rod for taste. Maybe so, but there are other arguments to be made. For instance, was the picture essential to the story? There is a question of both ethics and taste involved in these decisions, and sometimes it is necessary for a conscientious editor to make a decision that forgoes taste. This is a matter that has to be dealt with on a case-by-case basis, and I am not wise enough to offer any meaningful guidelines that would hold up over a period of time. In this instance it was a close call. But I can see how any two-sided editor, facing a deadline and an agonizing decision, would have felt that he had to go with it and apologize later, if he felt any pang of conscience. And next time face the problem anew. The writer is ombudsman of The Washington Post, from which this is adapted.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Vatican, Israel and a Hard-Hitting Columnist

Regarding "Cardinal's Pilgrimage Covers Something Sinister" (Jan. 16): The opinion column by George F. Will concerning Cardinal John O'Connor's recent visit to the Holy Land is offensive. In addition to vilifying the cardinal, Mr. Will makes vituperative criticism of the Vatican, the present pope, the Catholic clergy and the political policy of the Catholic Church. He concludes with a thinly veiled comparison of the Vatican to Nazi Germany. The tragic situation in the Middle East requires men of peace like Cardinal O'Connor. It is not helped by the opinions of angry and irresponsible men. FAITH M. COSSA, Geneva.

In the past I have admired what appeared to be the lucidity of Mr. Will's thought. Some of his columns have been minor masterpieces — for instance, one a few years ago on children with Down's syndrome. Here, I thought at the time, was a man of real humanity. What, then, is this sudden, rabid and illogical attack on the Catholic Church? Mr. Will suggests that Jews are incapable of comprehending how the sufferings in the Holocaust could be a "gift to the world." Yet if any of the world's peoples are well versed in suffering, it is the Jews, and in the Biblical context their sufferings are not seen as proof of the absurdity of the universe but rather as providential purifications necessary in the formation of a chosen people. More shocking is the technique Mr. Will uses to criticize the Catholic Church: insinuation. This has traditionally been the weapon of the racist and the bigot. The Vatican has never given Israel diplomatic recognition. Here is a policy that merits debate. But no. Instead we are told that behind the fact "hurks something sinister." And who is trying to resurrect the "hoary myth" of collective Jewish guilt? I have not heard anything like that from anyone in the Catholic Church. I don't believe I have heard it from anyone at all lately — except Mr. Will. The column does a disservice to the Jewish state, because no cause is served by support which can only be seen, by those who have an intelligent interest in the question, as embarrassing. Nor does it serve the interests of intelligent, logical, loyal debate — without which no disputed questions, international or otherwise, can ever be resolved. PEGGY RIGAUD, Montpellier, France.

Three cheers for George Will! He has the guts to bring into the open the long history of the Vatican's malevolence toward the Jewish people. Cardinal O'Connor's condescending tone and utterly incomprehensible remark that the Holocaust was a gift to the world reflect his church's politics. There were Jews in Jerusalem 3,000 years before the first followers of Christ began calling themselves Christians. EDWARD E. DORSON, Gilleleje, Denmark.

George Will's splendid essay makes many excellent points against the Vatican's refusal to recognize the Jewish state. How refreshing it is to see these words in print from a Gentle pen. Many a Jew would cringe from confronting the Vatican on this point. Meanwhile, as Mr. Will says, moving the U.S. Embassy to eastern Jerusalem would end the pretense that the unity of Israel's capital is negotiable, and would show the world that the United States is ready to stop appeasing Arab opinion. His argument is that American interest in peace in the Middle East can best be served by a clear demonstration that Israel's greatest ally and sponsor no longer implicitly condones Arab propaganda to the effect that Israel's sovereignty is open to question. Without a breakthrough on the issue of Israel's legitimacy, many more decades of destruction will pass. ART STONE, Arlington, Virginia.

The point Mr. Will makes is as erroneous as his supporting "facts." The Vatican is the only state that continues to honor the original agreement for the acceptance of Israel as a nation. That agreement calls for internationalization of the city of Jerusalem and for repatriation of, or compensation for, the Palestinians. The Vatican does not have diplomatic relations with Israel because neither of those two conditions has been met. The United States, Britain and other countries continue to honor the first condition, maintaining only consular offices in Jerusalem, but they ignore the second issue about Palestinian rights and they maintain full diplomatic ties with Israel. Jewish gravestones were not used by Jordan to pave roads, but an Arab cemetery was bulldozed to create Independence Park in Jerusalem. Religious freedom in Israel exists only in the minds of some, since Christian and Moslem Arabs from all Arab countries except Egypt are refused entry into Israel. I agree with Mr. Will that the cardinal's visit disclosed something sinister — but not in the Vatican. MARIE PECK, Amman.

Mr. Will concludes his criticism of Cardinal O'Connor and the "sinister" Vatican by saying: "Israelis have heard [the cardinal's] alibi before: He was only obeying orders." Apparently Mr. Will does not follow developments in Israeli politics closely. The head of the Israeli central command commented recently, after the shooting of a 14-year-old at a refugee camp, that the Israeli soldiers appeared to have "obeyed regulations with regard to opening fire." Cardinal O'Connor's statement about the Holocaust being a gift of Judaism to the world is indeed absurd. However, to one familiar with the issues, it is clear that Mr. Will's object is not information. His column is typical of pro-Israel rhetoric, in that its intent is clearly to arouse emotion with little reference to fact. There is no acknowledgment, for instance, that the Vatican's refusal to accept Israel's occupation of Jerusalem is in accordance with international law, the Geneva conventions and the majority of international public opinion. KRISTIN BROWN, Rome.

Lend the Food Mountain

In response to the report "Mounting Food Surpluses Threaten to Push EC Into Bankruptcy" (Dec. 30): As Europe's food mountains get bigger, billions of dollars are consumed in waste and storage. Reforms centered around production cuts, quotas, lower guaranteed prices and funds to subsidize sales or free distribution offer solutions that are politically or economically unrealistic. What can be done? Free distribution of food can be justified only during famines. Food-for-work projects, as practiced by the United Nations, are inefficient. Why not offer the food surpluses as interest-free loans? A country in need borrows and removes the agreed amount and commits itself to deliver back like quantity and quality in five, seven or more years. Both lender and recipient are bound to secure significant benefits. When accumulation of goods no longer contributes to economic growth, global solutions should be tried. Even countries close at hand — Poland, for one — might look at the idea with interest. K.J. LOROCH, Hamburg.

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1987 good reasons to see Thailand this year

Majestic temples and magnificent elephants, glittering roofs and garlands of orchids, enchanting people and exotic cuisine...one could write a long book about the land they call Thailand (and many seasoned travellers have). And never has there been a better year to see Thailand than 1987. For this is Visit Thailand Year in the Land of Smiles. Among the kaleidoscope of festivities planned for 1987 you should try to catch some of these: Feb. 13-15. Chiang Mai Flower Festival. A million blooms, a thousand smiles. One of the unforgettable moments of your life. April 13. Songkran Festival. A nationwide water festival celebrating the Thai Lunar New Year. May 9-10. Bun Bang Fai Festival. "Bang" indeed. Held in northeast Thailand, a fireworks show like no other you've ever seen. Oct. 16. Royal Barge Procession. An armada of brilliant colours, pageantry and rare splendour not to be missed. Nov. 5. Loy Krathong. Celebrated nationwide, this is Thailand's loveliest festival. Nov. 14-15. The Elephant Round-Up. Ever seen 100 elephants enact a medieval War Parade? You will if you come to Surin in northeast Thailand for this extraordinary display. Nov. 22. Bangkok Marathon. A major sporting event commemorating His Majesty the King's 60th Birthday Anniversary. Dec. 15. Light and Sound Presentation. A glittering occasion to be held at the Royal Grand Palace and the Temple of the Emerald Buddha. These are only a small selection of the truly stunning special events that mark 1987 as Visit Thailand Year — a year full of festivities, flowers and fireworks. Make your holiday plans now. And make sure you fly on Thailand's own airline, Thai International. Where the exotic sensations that are Thailand start from the moment you step on board.

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NYSE Index table with columns: High, Previous Close, Today's P.A., Low, Close, P.A. Lists Composite, Industrials, Finance, etc.

Wednesday's NYSE Closing logo with text: Via The Associated Press

AMEX Diary table with columns: Class, Prev. Lists, Declined, Unchanged, Total Issues.

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Standard & Poor's Index table with columns: High, Previous Close, Today's P.A., Low, Close, P.A. Lists Industrials, Finance, etc.

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AMEX Stock Index table with columns: High, Previous Close, Today's P.A., Low, Close, P.A.

Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere.

Firm Bond Market Buys NYSE

United Press International. NEW YORK — Prices on the New York Stock Exchange were higher late Wednesday...

Analysts said the market's record levels, the sliding U.S. dollar and concern about upward pressure on interest rates were making some investors nervous.

up another 4.78 points to 2,155.23 at 3 P.M. Gainers were leading losers by an 8.7 ratio.

The market is "ripe" for a modest pullback, she said. But she said the influx of funds from Japanese investors and from investors shunning bonds in favor of stocks ensures a "fairly steady stream" of buying interest...

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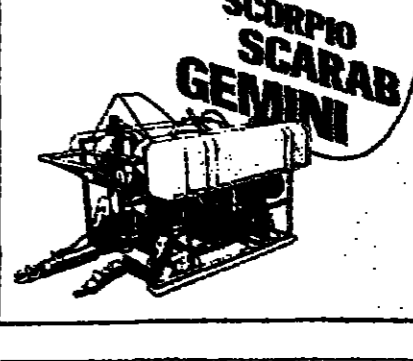
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Wednesdays AMEX Closing

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INTERNATIONAL FUNDS (Quotations Supplied by Funds Listed) 28 Jan. 1987

Large table listing various international funds with columns for fund name, share price, and other details.

U.S. Considers a Delay In Reporting Some Data

WASHINGTON — The U.S. government said Wednesday that it was considering changing the reporting schedule for key trade and economic data.

Floating-Rate Notes

Table listing floating-rate notes with columns for issuer, coupon rate, and bid/ask prices.

AMEX High-Lows

Table showing AMEX high and low prices for various stocks.

Pounds Sterling

Table listing exchange rates for Pounds Sterling.

Deutsche Marks

Table listing exchange rates for Deutsche Marks.

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CURRENCY MARKETS

DOLLAR: Plunge Continues as G-5 Rumors Swirl

(Continued from first finance page) ward meeting shortly on stabilizing exchange markets. He also indicated that Japan would cut its discount rate soon — something he has said would not happen until after a G-5 meeting.

London Dollar Rates table with columns for Closing, Week, and Year.

diore or negative. These include durable-goods orders and trade figures for December. The dollar's recent downturn began last month, with the announcement that the U.S. trade deficit for November was a record \$19.2 billion, much more than had been expected.

BIS: New Tactics

(Continued from Page 1) an exaggeration," a BIS official said. The BIS also reported Wednesday that the external assets of banks in North America, Japan, Western Europe and certain offshore financial centers soared \$228 billion in the third quarter, to \$3 trillion.

BUSINESS PEOPLE

Horn Leaving Federal Reserve Bank

By Arthur Higbee International Herald Tribune Karen N. Horn, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland since 1982, will resign in April to become chairman and chief executive of Bank One of Cleveland.

Analysts said it is unlikely that Mr. Steiner will change day-to-day operations there. The New York Times reported. Analysts see him as a financial strategist rather than an operations executive, citing his decision to move Banner's executive offices to New York. This move has left the company, whose headquarters remains in Cleveland, in the operational control of Samuel J. Krasney, 61, Banner's founder, previous chief executive and current chief operating officer.

Avions Marcel Dassault-Brueget Aviation of France has promoted four key executives from general manager to vice president: Jacques Estebe, 62, for industrial management; Charles Edelstein, 49, for finance; Bruno Revelin-Faloz, 46, for technology and research, and Hugues de L'Estoule, 55, for international relations and exports.

Chief Executive Of Weirton Steel Plans to Retire

United Press International WEIRTON, West Virginia — Robert Loughhead, who led Weirton Steel Corp.'s transition to employee ownership in 1984 after it was cast off by National Intergroup as unprofitable, has said he will retire.

THE EUROMARKETS

Prices Mixed as Dollar Continues to Slide

By Norma Cohen Reuters LONDON — Eurobond prices ended mixed Wednesday, with investors sidelined by the dollar's continued steep fall to the lowest levels in more than six years.

Meanwhile, the strength of the yen sparked two new issues. The first, a 15 billion yen offering of seven-year, 5.5 percent bonds from Portugal, was priced at 101 1/4. Late in the day it was trading within its fees at a discount of 1/4, traders said.

French Inflation 2.1% in '86 Agence France-Press PARIS — French consumer prices rose 0.1 percent during December, bringing the inflation rate for 1986 to 2.1 percent, the official statistics office announced Wednesday.

BEER: Australian Breweries Tap the Expanding Export Market to the U.S.

(Continued from first finance page) that growth is up from virtually nothing a decade ago. He said a combination of factors was helping the sale of his product — indeed all of Australian beer — in the United States.

Sure the average beer-drinking American is going to bring six-packs of Budweiser home, but when he goes out to a bar he wants to drink something a tick different.

Mr. Bartels, who is also a director of Elders OX, the conglomerate that owns Carlton, said Foster's taste was midway between the "imported German-style, high-hop, high-malt beer and the blander American brews, such as Budweiser."

Not relish a 25 percent drop in per-capita beer consumption at home in the past decade, a period in which total consumption has almost doubled per capita.

Mr. Cooper said his modestly sized brewery, which a decade ago sold virtually all of its output in South Australia, now sells but a third in its own territory. He said Cooper was shipping 100,000 cases of beer to the United States a year, most of it in bottles.

Wednesday's OTC Prices table listing various stock prices and market data.

Market data table with columns for High, Low, and other financial metrics.

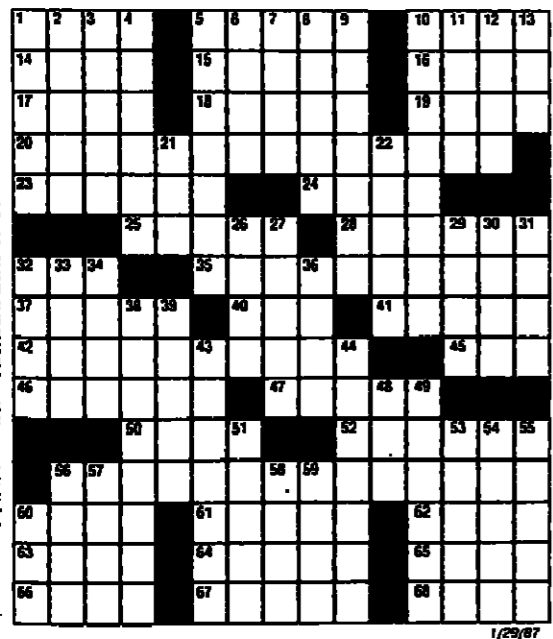
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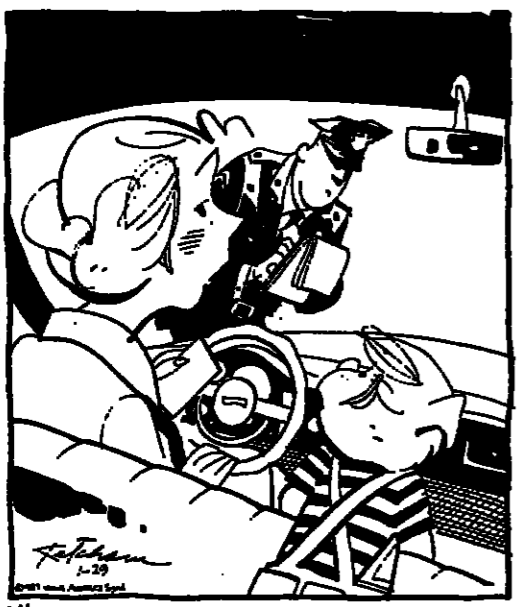
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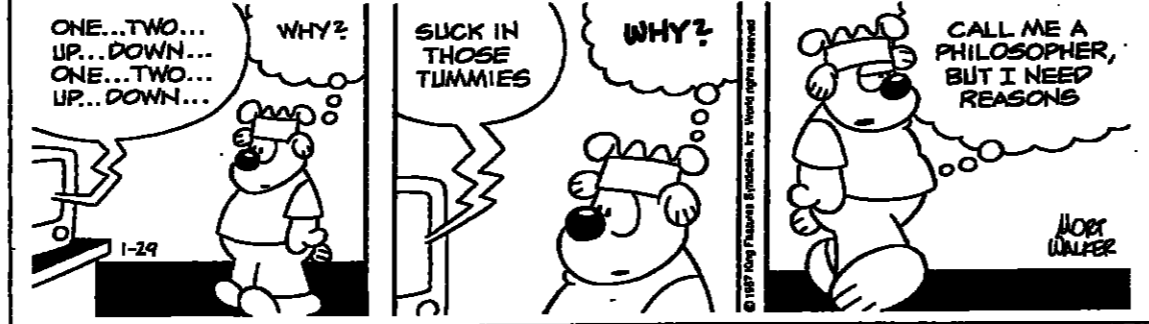
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JUMBLE

Word game section with scrambled words and a cartoon illustration.

WEATHER

Table with columns for Europe, Asia, Latin America, North America, Middle East, and Oceania, listing high and low temperatures.

THURSDAY'S FORECAST: CHICAGO: Partly Cloudy. Temp. 48-55. ST. LOUIS: Partly Cloudy. Temp. 48-55. NEW YORK: Partly Cloudy. Temp. 32-40. WASHINGTON: Partly Cloudy. Temp. 32-40.

BOOKS

IN HITLER'S GERMANY: Daily Life in the Third Reich

By Bern Engelmann. Translated from the German by Krishna Winston. 335 pages. \$21.95. Pantheon Books Inc., 201 East 50th Street, New York, N. Y. 10022.

BERNT ENGELMANN was a schoolboy of 12 when the Nazis came to power in his native Germany. He had been born into a family with strong democratic traditions; he and his mother were planning to move to England in the fall of 1939 (his father had already gone), but they had waited until it was too late. Instead, he spent the greater part of World War II as a radio operator in the Luftwaffe. In 1944 he was arrested, convicted of "abetting Jews," and sent to a concentration camp at Flossenbürg and then, in March 1945, to Dachau; after he was liberated, he started out on a successful career as an author and journalist.

Crossword puzzle solution grid with words filled in.

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

In the recent Winter Regional of the Greater New York Bridge Association an imaginative bid backfired amusingly on the deal shown. Most players with the North hand would be content to raise an opening one-heart bid to four hearts, but here Tom Snow chose a psychic response of one spade. He was running the risk that his partner, Sue Hobbie, would show enthusiasm for spades. But he wanted two aims in mind. He wanted to inhibit any spade bidding from East-West, who were likely to have a good fit in that suit and could, as it turns out, have made nine tricks. He also wanted to discourage West from leading spades eventually, and this proved to be a crucial factor. North might well have bid four hearts as his second turn, which would have ended the bidding. Instead he probed

with two diamonds, a fourth-suit bid that allowed East to show diamond strength, and suggest a lead, by doubling. Now South jumped to three spades, a clear indication that she had some additional strength and 3-5-1-4 distribution. North now took a shot at six hearts, knowing that his partner held a singleton diamond and expecting a diamond lead. That lead would have allowed the slam to make, for South would have won, drawn the missing trump, and knocked out the club ace. The spade loser in the dummy would then have been discarded on a club winner. Unfortunately West was also listening to the bidding and knew that South held a singleton diamond. He hit on the decisive spade lead and defeated the slam. Had he seen through North's psychic one-spade bid? Not at all. As he explained afterward, he had been fooled into thinking that North-South held eight spades between them. He had led a spade in the mistaken belief that his partner would ruff; the right lead for entirely the wrong reason.

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There are some heroic scenes in the story, too. In 1935, for instance, Engelmann met the owner of a fashionable tailoring establishment called Desch, and took an instant dislike to him. "He had a face like a carp, with cold, protruding eyes"; he was also a "Supporting Member of the SS. But Desch turned out to be a key member of a network that managed to smuggle hundreds of people out of Germany. Saving lives in the face of the Nazis' determination to hunt down their victims called for great ingenuity as well as courage, and there are moments in Engelmann's account of rescue activities that sound as though they might have come from a novel, complicated episodes with couriers, codes and disguises.

John Gross is on the staff of The New York Times.

World Stock Markets section with tables for Amsterdam, London, Hong Kong, Singapore, Stockholm, Sydney, Zurich, Tokyo, and other international markets.

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SPORTS

Pro Football Names 7 to Hall of Fame

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
CANTON, Ohio — Running backs Larry Csonka and John Henry Johnson, quarterback Len Dawson, defensive tackle Joe Greene, center Jim Langer, offensive guard Gene Upshaw and receiver Don Maynard were voted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Tuesday.



Larry Csonka, Miami's standout running back, in action in 1975.

Csonka, who rushed for 8,081 yards and 64 touchdowns in his 11-year career, and Langer, who spent most of his 10 pro seasons with the Dallas Cowboys, were selected by the voters as selections from the Dolphins' championship years. "I'm twice as happy to be inducted because Jim Langer is going in with me," said Csonka. "I'm ecstatic for Jim because linemen don't usually get much publicity or many honors. He's the kind of guy that if you broke his arm and broke his leg he'd just say, 'Ouch.' He was a man of actions, not a man of many words."

Johnson absolutely critical to my success. This means a lot more to me because one of my guys — Langer, Bob Kuechenberg, Larry Little or Bob Griese — got in the same year I did. "Csonka, 6-foot-3 and 235 pounds (190 meters, 106.5 kilograms), was the most valuable player in Miami's 24-7 victory over Minnesota in Super Bowl VIII. He played for the Dolphins in two stints, and also saw action for the New York Giants and in the defense of the World Football League. "Langer, a 6-2, 253-pounder, was drafted on waivers by the Dolphins and went on to be named to the Pro Bowl six times. He played every offensive down of Miami's perfect 1972 season. "Greene and Johnson became the sixth and seventh Steelers voted into the hall but the first Steelers selected since Ernie Stautner in 1969. "Nicknamed Mean Joe, Greene played in 10 Pro Bowls and four Super Bowls during his 13-year career with Pittsburgh. He played in 81 consecutive games from 1969 to 1975 and was named the National Football League's defensive player of the year, in 1972 and 1974. "I want my place in history. I really do," Greene said Tuesday. "I thought I had a pretty good career. A few years ago, I would have had a hard time saying that, but I can say it comfortably now. I'm just thankful that other people saw it and that I was considered. I appreciate it."

Weather Disrupts Ski Meet

United Press International
CRANS-MONTANA, Switzerland — Snow, fog and wind combined Wednesday to halt the world Alpine ski championships and force the postponement of the women's combined downhill. The race was rescheduled for Friday, immediately following the men's combined downhill. The women's combined slalom was to go ahead Thursday as planned. Along with falling snow, fog at the top of the 2,033-meter (6,669-foot) Mont Lachaux course heightened the visibility problems; much of the course takes the skiers through trees. The start of the combined downhill, the first women's race of the two-week championships, was pushed back two hours, but when conditions held, racing was abandoned for the day. An off day (Feb. 6) is built into the schedule, but continuing bad weather would create a backlog, as happened both at the 1984 Winter Olympics and the 1985 world championships. In both cases, the men's and women's downhills had to be held on the same day.

The Handicapped Find Fresh Hope on the Slopes

By Peter Conrad
Reviews
ENGELBERG, Switzerland — Briton David Clarke, 26, was paralyzed from the chest down when he was hit by an urban guerrilla's bullet in Northern Ireland. American Chad Collet, 42, lost both legs in Vietnam. But, along with more than 120 other paraplegics and amputees from across the world, male and female, they came to this resort near Lucerne to prove that winter sports are not just for the completely able-bodied. They spent a week here earlier this month learning about the latest developments in ski technology, trying out new equipment and talking to the slopes to test themselves competitively. "It's great to go out with my family and just do something that able-bodied people do," said Collet, who played college football and was a pole-vaulter before serving with the U.S. armed forces in Vietnam. "I started out four years ago on a simple sled — he called it 'my bath tub' — but now takes to the piste on a seat mounted by a firm metal spring onto a single ski. "It's the only sport I can do," said Clarke, sitting in a more sophisticated monobob, a small fiberglass craft steered and given extra stability by two small hand-held skis. "And it can be fun — if you get it right." Switzerland's Paraplegic Association first organized an international meet for handicapped skiers here two winters ago. Since then, the sport has grown worldwide and championships have been staged elsewhere.

But the Engelberg event is the only one where paraplegics and experts not only race but meet to discuss handicapped skiers' problems. This year teams came from as far afield as Japan, Australia, Canada, West Germany, the United States and Britain. "It occurred to us in 1985 that there had never been an opportunity for people in wheelchairs to learn winter sports," said organizer Andre Deville. "This year the goal was to develop the teaching further and look at ways of preparing people for competitions." Paraplegics and those familiar with their problems agree that winter sports bring enormous benefits, both physical and psychological. Provided the right equipment is used, these activities are no more dangerous than they are for the able-bodied. "If you have to sit in a wheelchair all the time, then gliding on the snow is something very special," said Caroline Bergstrom, a trained physiotherapist from Geneva. "And there is the great advantage that they are not forced into a ghetto with other handicapped people." But the problems to be overcome in an environment designed for the able-bodied are great. Getting up to the slopes in a wheelchair before fitting into the bob is often a struggle, while boarding the ski lifts requires help and patience from lift operators. Clarke, one of the most seriously handicapped people here, said that if he falls over in his bob, he often cannot right himself again.

Obtaining suitable equipment is a problem. One company, GFL Technik of West Germany, sells a monobob, but it can cost as much as 2,500 Deutsche marks (\$1,375). Some people — Collet is one — make their own, although experts say they can often be unsafe. Although no one knows the number of handicapped skiers worldwide, experts here said the sport is obviously growing, taking its place alongside such other, more common, wheelchair sports as basketball and athletics. It is also becoming more competitive. "Until five years ago, anyone turning up for the U.S. national competitions could just take part, even if they had never skied before," said Collet. "Now you have got to win a regional championship first." "Despite the difficulties, it is worth it, it's great fun," said Josef Schwytzer, a Swiss mechanic who lost the use of his legs after being knocked off his motorbike. "My wife, who is able-bodied, always used to go off on skiing holidays, so about two years ago I thought I would too. I bought a bob last year and have been in intensive training ever since." Like many other skiers here, Schwytzer said he usually meets with sympathy from lift operators, although able-bodied skiers often cannot believe their eyes when he hurtles past. "Normally they just look oddly at me, but friends skiing behind hear what they say," he laughed. "Things like 'He's skiing like a madman' and 'What are these people with wheelchairs doing in the mountains, anyway?'"

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for Basketball, NBA Standings, and PGA Leaders. Includes sub-sections for Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division, Central Division, Western Conference, Midwest Division, and Pacific Division.

Golf

PGA Leaders table showing scores for various golfers like P. Anzinger, J. P. Baker, and others.

Hockey

National Hockey League Leaders table showing statistics for various teams and players.

Transition

Table with columns for Baseball, American League, National League, and NHL Standings.

Cup Finalists: Splendid Isolation

By Barbara Lloyd
New York Times Service
FREMANTLE, Australia — The two boats that will sail against each other for the America's Cup have something crucial in common. Neither Dennis Connor's Stars & Stripes nor Iain Murray's Kookaburra III competed here last year in the 12-meter world championships, and both were criticized for not doing so. In retrospect, it appears that their absence may have had something to do with their ultimate victories in the cup trials. John Marshall, the design coordinator for Stars & Stripes, said that he was convinced that those who sailed in the world championships — a fleet series involving 12 boats — came away with skewed ideas. The cup-final series, which begins here Saturday, involves match racing, a format calling for different design features from fleet racing. "In the world championships, fleet racing was clouding the view of what match racing is," Marshall said. "We took a deep breath, and said we needed to stick to our own strategy and not follow the others." Marshall's team developed a boat designed for the heavier weather conditions that could be expected here during the summer months — December through March — while most of the other cup challengers came up with all-weather boats. The Kookaburra team also just watched during the world championships; Ke Conner's group, it chose the risks of isolation. "Ben Lexcen, the designer of Alan Bond's Australia IV, said that winning the world title with Australia III may have been the team's Waterloo. We thought then that we were O.K.," said Lexcen, "that we were on the right track. It gave us a sense of false confidence." Kookaburra III swept Australia IV, 5-0, in the recent cup defender finals; Lexcen is convinced that the Kookaburra team won because it moved forward with new ideas while his team stood still. Murray said recently that his syndicate had made minor refinements to Kookaburra III before the final defense series began Jan. 14. The Australia IV team had a new keel waiting, but didn't have time to attach it. It also wasn't particularly convinced that it needed it. Instead, they shaved a few millimeters off Australia IV's keel wings and left it at that. After losing the first three races in a row, Lexcen gave in. He adjusted the rig on Australia IV and noticed an immediate difference in boat speed. But it wasn't enough.



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NBA Leaders table showing statistics for various players like Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, and others.

U.S. College Results

U.S. College Results table showing scores for various college sports teams.

EC Seeks Freer Flow of Soccer Pros

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BRUSSELS — The European Community Commission said Wednesday it will press soccer federations in the 12-EC nations to guarantee the free circulation of foreign players in their leagues. "Nine of the 12 federations currently allow two foreign players per club. Belgium and Luxembourg allow three; Ireland has no limit on foreign professionals. Manned Marin, a commission vice president, said the federations will have until June to indicate how they would lift restrictions. He said that if they do not cooperate, he would begin "infringement proceedings" through the EC Court of Justice in Luxembourg. "The court ruled in 1976 that players must be able to work in any EC state under the same conditions as local players. Since then, Marin said, the commission has conducted informal and fruitless negotiations with the federations and with UEFA, Europe's ruling soccer body. He said the eligibility of foreign players in EC leagues was a "controversial" issue that could have an "enormous impact on public opinion" in view of the economic and sporting consequences a liberalization of the rules would have. Opening up national leagues to an unlimited number of foreign players could drastically change the look and management of Europe's top sport. It would enable rich clubs to attract top players, while smaller clubs with limited resources would likely be sapped of their talents. Marin said that the commission — which is the EC's executive body — must see to it that the rulings of the European Court of Justice are enacted.

But he indicated it had not yet taken legal action based on the 1976 ruling because of "economic and social aspects specific to professional sports." "That's why the commission has followed a pragmatic approach, based on the gradual character of change and dialogue with the federations," he said, "rather than go through the normal infringement procedures." He added that if the negotiations with the federations were successful, they could form the basis for similar initiatives in other sports. Andre Vieti, a UEFA spokesman, said that the "issue has been a problem for at least 10 years," but added it affects only 12 of the 34 member countries. "It should be up to the individual national federations to deal with the problem." (AP, UPI)

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